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Chemists and engineers are often faced with the problem of trying to look into "awkward corners". The introscope enables them to do so. It consists of a

long tube having an electric light and a reflecting system at one end, and an eye-piece or a camera at the other. It is, in short, a kind of periscope and has proved very useful in the close examination of hidden surfaces which cannot be examined directly. In this particular instance, the introscope is being used to examine the inside of tubes of a chemical plant. The photographs will show where and to what extent corrosion has taken place, and indicate how much longer the tubes may be kept in service. To get the same information in any other way would entail not only much labour but also the destruction of the tubes. The introscope may be used with equal efficiency for examining the boiler or condenser tubes of a battle-

ship. With its aid, faulty ones can be discovered before they break down and cause damage that might entail the laying-up of the vessel. Simple though it is, the introscope is a valuable weapon in the armoury of the British chemical industry.



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